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An excerpt from "THE TOKYO ASAHI" Dec. 17, 1931 (6th year of SHOWA).

A great U.S. Naval maneuver on the Pasific Ocean draws the attention of the present day world.

( Special correspondent, New York, 25th.) According to the schedul of the grand naval maneuver, which is stated to be made public on the 27th inst. by the U.S. Naval Department, it will be held in one of the grandiose scales combined in cooperation of the military and naval forces, concentrating almost all of the U.S. Naval Forces on the Pasific, with Hawaii, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, as their centers. Needless to say the imaginary enemy of this maneuver is Japan. and in addition as it may be taken as a big demonstration against Japan relevant to the Manchurian problem, those who have casually heard of the plan of the maneuver are astounded at its enormous scale and frown on the situation which casts a dark shadow on the Japan-American relation. The persons concerned would of course explain that the present managere has no connection with the Manchurian issue, but no body would believe it. According to the plan, the U.S. Atlantic Fleet will begin its action early in the coming Year. They Will pass through the Panama Canal by twos and threes, and will move toward San Pedro and San Diego region: They will leave this vicinity on the 1st of February, and commense first the operations of defense and attack of the Hawaiiamn Islands.

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